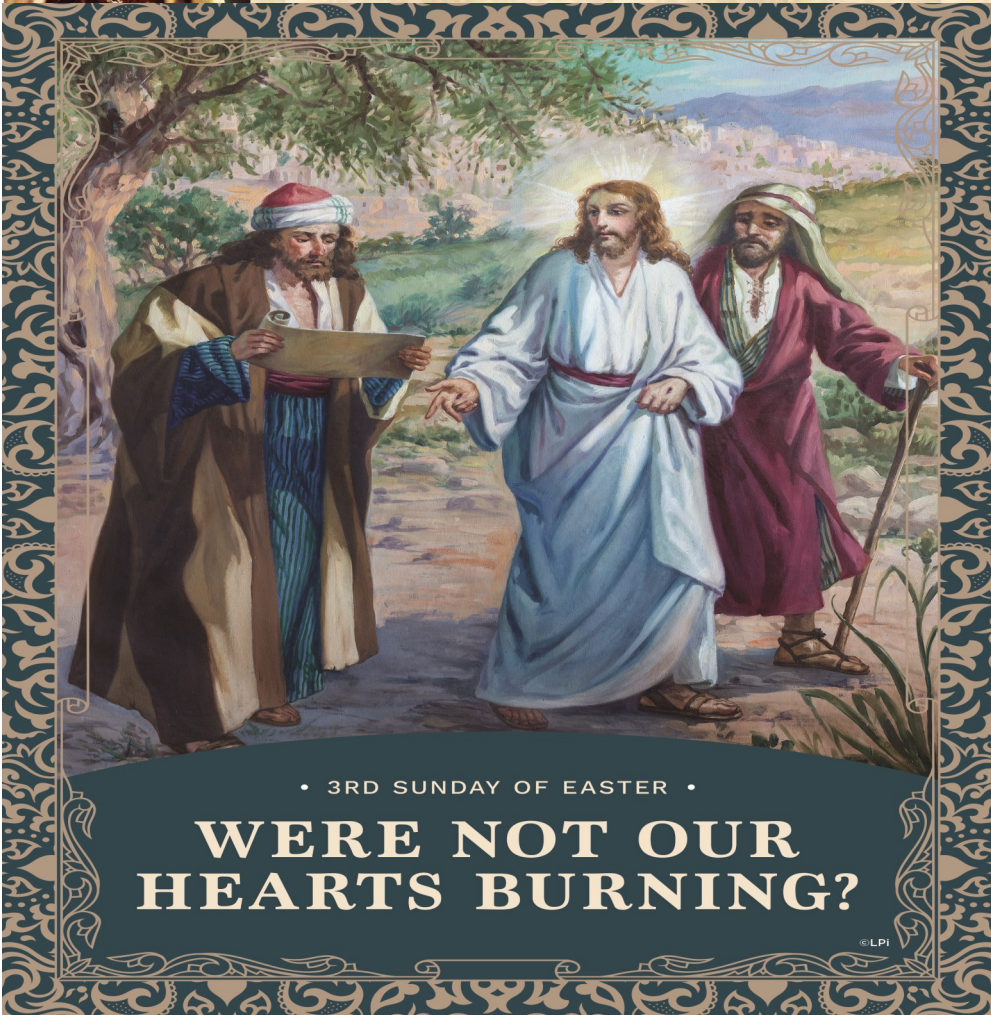




*St. Theresa of the
Child Jesus Church*
2800 East Ramon Road, Palm
Springs, CA 92264

Mass Times:
Mon.-Fri.— 7:30am (Daily Mass)
Saturday
 5:00 pm English
 7:00 pm Spanish
Sunday
 7:00 am English
 8:30 am Spanish
 10:30am English
 12:30pm English
Monday—Friday
 7:30 am English
Adoration—8:00am-3:00pm
Saturday Confessions—
 3:30pm-4:30pm



• 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER •

**WERE NOT OUR
HEARTS BURNING?**

Our Parish Mission Statement:

St. Theresa is a welcoming multicultural, diverse Roman Catholic community; aspiring to make God the center of our lives, striving to proclaim Jesus' message of Hope, Forgiveness, Love and Compassion to all.

Nuestra Misión Parroquial:

Santa Teresa es una Comunidad Católica Romana, con diversidad multicultural. Aspiramos a tener a Dios como centro de nuestras vidas. Proclamamos el mensaje de Jesús que es; Esperanza, Reconciliación, Amor y Compasión al Próximo.

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Parish Website: www.sttheresaps.com

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760-323-2669 Ex. 315

St. Theresa School: 760-327-4919

Rev. John Kavcak, M.S.C./ Pastor

Rev. David Foxen M.S.C. /Parochial Vicar

This parish is staffed by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (M.S.C.)

For more information visit the M.S.C.

website: <http://www.misacor-usa.org>

PASTOR'S COLUMN:

Dear Parishioners;

It was just announced by the diocese that my request to retire will be accepted as of July 1,2026. Returning home after 6 years as a missionary in Papua New Guinea where I was just 2 degrees south of the Equator, I was assigned by my community to St. Joseph Parish in Upland, a warm place in the Diocese of San Bernardino where I spent 10 years. Then I was moved to Pennsylvania where I spent the next 6 cold years until I was asked to take another parish.

I remembering asking if it could be a parish in a place that was warmer than Pennsylvania. That is when I was told it was Palm Springs, CA.

I spent 8 wonderful years at Our Lady of Solitude and Guadalupe Parishes. After that, I was transferred to St. Theresa's Parish where I have been for the last 12 years. I have to admit that the past 20 years have presented me with a wonderful opportunity and this unique place has enabled me to grow especially in regards to St. Theresa School and the Gifted and Called Ministries. These parishes have presented me with people and cultures I may not have been able to experience anywhere else in such a special way. This includes the Native American, LGBTQ+, and the many and various nationalities and cultures of the Coachella Valley. I hope I was able to minister to the needs of these parishes and move them forward in their growth as a people of God.

I am retiring as a pastor but not as a priest! I hope to stay in the area, provide ministries when needed as are some of the other retired priests who live in "the valley". Your new Administrator/ Pastor is **Fr. Jos (Rajesh) Peter, M.S.C.**, who is the Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Solitude.

Please, keep all of your priests in your prayers and ...”Thanks for the Memories!”
Fr. John P. Kavcak, M.S.C.

GENTLE THOUGHTS:

Last night I ordered a glass of wine with my dinner and the waiter asked to see my ID. I replied, “Do I really look that young?”
The waiter said; “No. I just wanted to see if you qualify for our senior citizen discount.”

Visit our website to sign up to
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<https://osvhub.com/st-theresa-ps/funds>

March Contributions

3/1/26- \$16,172.00
3/8/26- \$ 14,078.15
3/15/26- \$15,455.00
3/22/26- \$14,549.00
3/29/26- \$15,176.50

Spring Combined
\$3,029.00

Easter Flowers & Envir.
\$4,611.00

Total: \$75,430.65

On-Line Giving
\$8,210.00

School Tuition Assistance
\$4,243.00

Diocesan Development Fund

How to support the DDF:

The 2026 Goal is \$56,300, with your help we can reach it.

Make Pledge: Use a DDF envelope and send it to the Diocese or drop it into the collection basket at Mass (card, cash, or check) Make a Donation: Indicate on the check or envelop “DDF2026” Online Donation: visit our web-site and make a donation under the DDF 2026 tab.



Scan QR Code to give

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

Saturday, April 18

5:00pm

Fr. Marlin Connole +
Clemente Tejada Jr. +
Joseph Sanchez & Family- S/I

7:00pm-Espanol

Jesus Ortiz +
Leodegario Aguilar Aguilar +

Sunday, April 19

7:00am

Napoleon Chiu +
Florentina Torres +
Mr. & Mrs. Muniz Castro S/I
(In Thanksgiving)

8:30am- Español

Hilardio Dominguez +
Manuel Gomez +
Norma Garcia S/I-Birthday

10:30am

Virginia Cuevas +
Melchor Jandoc +
DFS Company- S/I

12:30pm

Christopher Gerada S/I-Birthday
Ingrid King S/I-Birthday
Josephine Imus S/I-Healing

Monday, April 20

Ramona Tanare S/I-Birthday
Ora Lee Brewton +

Tuesday, April 21

For our Parish Community

Wednesday, April 22

John Fairlie +

Thursday, April 23

Tyler Hoffman +
John Hoffman +

Friday, April 24

Roger Tejada +
Aubrie Dilly S/I-Birthday

**We pray for the sick and for those who care for them:
Oremos por las personas enfermas y por las personas
que cuidan de ellos:**

John Salerno, Bryan Dinnoo, Chuck Stone,
Carolyn O'Linn, Norma Cardova Chanman, Ynez Romo,
Roger Newallo, Norbert Chanman, Laurie Mikolaycik,
Christopher Navo, Nicolette Rusanberg,
Nancy Holmes, Joyce Norvell, Keila David, ,
Aisling O'Connor, Marie Irwin, Richard Martanivick, ,
Cam (Tommy's Son) Sewnarain, Jose Alex Gonzalez, Carol Patney,
Joseph Ibanez, Monica Newallo, Lloyd Forbes, Tony Chanman,
Anilaine Gamba, Karen Gunst, Carol Zachik, Mark MyBrick,
Remy Ruesenberg, Tiffany Moretti, Ken Zachik,
Manuel & Sony Silverio, Esperanza Asejo, Henry McShane,
Joseph Piscope, Melinda Jennings & Family,
Jackie Peters, Florence, Angelito Rayos, John Paschal,
Christina Etedgui, Ernesto Cuabo, Sheila Sparling, Lisa Jarecki,
Butch Skillman, Val & Christopher, Luz Maria Matha,
Joseph Godinez, Jerome Godinez, Lucille Godinez, John Griffiths III
Marc Motzer, Ray, Terry Moretti,
Roman Hernandez, Rae Wenzel, Pat Malon, Kathy Kuniej Cooper,
Cristina Alverdiz, Maria Cruz Cardenas, David Landeros,
Jay Bednar, Becky Benedict, Dennis Cook, Susie Hoff, Selena Perez,
Steven Pilgrim, Bob Blum, Pat Quinn, Daniel Chavez,
Steve Schultz, Carmen, Marquez, Juan Zetina, Maria Bedillo, Sheila
Kucich, Ulla Brown, Judah Luke, Josie Imus, Joe Wesolowski Sr.
Arielle Cohen, Warren Parada

**(Names will be kept for 3 months. Please contact the
Parish Office to remove a name from the list/**

**Los nombres permanecerán por 3 meses. Por favor
de contactar a la Oficina Parroquial para remover un
nombre de la lista.)**



Readings for the week of April 19, 2026

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1
Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a,
17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/
Jn 10:1-10

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Earth Day
EVERY DAY

The Rosary, Explained

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, “there is no more excellent way of praying.”



Altar Society

A Special thanks to the parishioners and visitors who purchased a Lily plant in honor of a loved one. The lilies were placed around the altar for Easter Sunday.

Praises go to Lot Espino and to the many volunteers and various ministries who helped decorate St. Theresa Church for this important feast day,

“The Resurrection”

What a beautiful tribute to Our Lord and Saviour. ALLELUIA!



St. Theresa Catholic Church

FILIPINO SUNDAY MASS

COME JOIN US

UPCOMING MASSES:

*2026	JANUARY 11	*2027	JANUARY 10
	FEBRUARY 8		FEBRUARY 14
	MARCH 8		MARCH 14
	APRIL 12		APRIL 11
	* MAY 3	* Schedule changed due to	* MAY 2
	JUNE 14	"Mother's Day" holiday	JUNE 13
	JULY 12		JULY 11
	AUGUST 9		AUGUST 8
	SEPTEMBER 13		SEPTEMBER 12
	OCTOBER 11		OCTOBER 10
	NOVEMBER 8		NOVEMBER 14
	DECEMBER 13		DECEMBER 12

FILIPINO SUNDAY MASS IS CELEBRATED EVERY 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 5:00PM. MASS WILL BE BILINGUAL: TAGALOG/ ENGLISH

2800 E. Ramon Road, Palm Springs, CA 92264

For any question, contact: Josie Imus – 442.234.8758 / Amy Villar – 760.449.1328

St. Theresa Altar Society

What is this Ministry about?

A society of women over 18 years of age who contribute to the needs of the parish through various events and activities that foster a spirit of community and spiritual growth of its members.

Come and join us every first Wednesday of the month after daily mass in the St. Peter & St. Paul rooms.

GOOD GRIEF MINISTRY

Dates for meetings:
(1:30pm in the Youth Room on the east side of the Church)
April 26, 2026 May 17, 2026



Gifted and Called
LGBTQ Catholics Ministry
Palm Springs
Contact us at:
GiftedandCalled@LGBTQCatholics.faith

COLUMNA DEL PASTOR :

Estimados feligreses:

La diócesis acaba de anunciar que mi solicitud de jubilación será aceptada a partir del 1 de julio de 2026. Tras regresar a casa después de seis años como misionero en Papúa Nueva Guinea —donde me encontraba a tan solo dos grados al sur del Ecuador—, fui asignado por mi comunidad a la Parroquia de San José en Upland, un lugar de clima cálido dentro de la Diócesis de San Bernardino, donde permanecí durante diez años. Posteriormente fui trasladado a Pensilvania, donde pasé los siguientes seis fríos años, hasta que se me pidió hacerme cargo de otra parroquia.

Recuerdo haber preguntado si podría ser una parroquia en un lugar más cálido que Pensilvania. Fue entonces cuando me dijeron que sería Palm Springs, California.

Pasé 8 años maravillosos en las parroquias de Nuestra Señora de la Soledad y de Guadalupe. Posteriormente, fui trasladado a la parroquia de Santa Teresa, donde he permanecido durante los últimos 12 años. Debo admitir que estos últimos 20 años me han brindado una oportunidad maravillosa, y este lugar único me ha permitido crecer, especialmente en lo que respecta a la Escuela Santa Teresa y a los Ministerios de «Gifted and Called». Estas parroquias me han puesto en contacto con personas y culturas que, tal vez, no habría podido experimentar en ningún otro lugar de una manera tan especial. Esto incluye a los nativos americanos, a la comunidad LGBTQ+, y a las muchas y diversas nacionalidades y culturas del Valle de Coachella. Espero haber podido atender las necesidades de estas parroquias y haber contribuido a su avance en su crecimiento como pueblo de Dios.

¡Me jubilo como párroco, pero no como sacerdote! Espero permanecer en la zona y prestar servicios ministeriales cuando sea necesario, tal como hacen otros sacerdotes jubilados que residen en «el Valle».

Su nuevo Administrador/Párroco es el P. Jos (Rajesh) Peter, M.S.C., quien se desempeña como Vicario Parroquial en Nuestra Señora de la Soledad.

Por favor, tengan a todos sus sacerdotes presentes en sus oraciones y... «¡Gracias por los recuerdos!».
P. John P. Kavcak, M.S.C.

Fondo de Desarrollo Diocesano (DDF)

Nuestra Meta para el DDF 2026 es de \$56,300. Lo lograremos igual! Que Dios los bendiga.

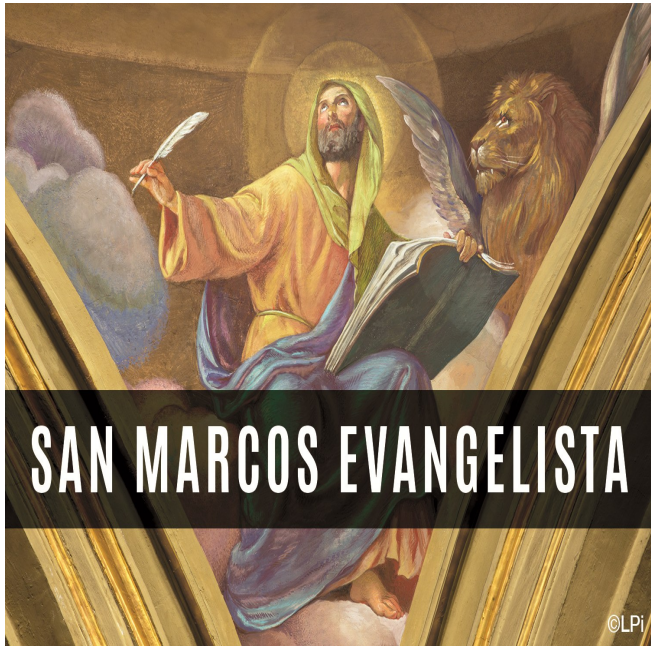
Gracias por su participación.

Donacion en linea

<https://osvhub.com/st-theresa-ps/funds>

**Las lecturas de la semana del 19 de abril de 2026**

Domingo:	Hch 2, 14. 22-33/Sal 15, 1-2 y 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/1 Pe 1, 17-21/Lc 24, 13-35
Lunes:	Hch 6, 8-15/Sal 118, 23-24. 26-27. 9-30/Jn 6, 22-29
Martes:	Hch 7, 51-8, 1/ Sal 30, 3-4. 6 y 7 y 8. 17 y 21/Jn 6, 30-35
Miércoles:	Hch 8, 1b-8/ Sal 65, 1-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Jn 6, 35-40
Jueves:	Hch 8, 26-40/ Sal 65, 8-9. 16-17. 20/ Jn 6, 44-51
Viernes:	Hch 9, 1-20/ Sal 116, 1bc. 2/ Jn 6, 52-59
Sábado:	1 Pe 5, 5-14/ Sal 88, 2-3. 6-7. 16-17/Mc 16, 15-20
Domingo siguiente:	Hch 2, 14. 36-41/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/1 Pe 2, 20-25/Jn 10, 1-10



El Rosario ¡Explicado!

Los cristianos han usado cuentas para llevar el conteo del rezo de las oraciones desde tiempos antiguos. En el siglo XII, surgió el Rosario como una devoción contemplativa centrada en los momentos importantes de las vidas de Jesús y María. En las palabras de San León XIII, “no existe una manera más excelente de oración”




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Bendición Para la Primavera

Querido Señor,
 Al comenzar esta nueva temporada,
 también trae nueva vida a nuestro corazón.
 Poda lo que se ha vuelto abatido, aparta lo
 que oscurece y nubla.
 Mientras las flores brotan y florecen,
 bendícenos con nueva maravilla, nueva es-
 peranza, nueva promesa, nueva alegría.
 Amén.

3er Domingo
 DE PASCUA



Regresaron a Jerusalén, donde
 encontraron reunidos a los Once
 con sus compañeros, los cuales
 les dijeron: “De veras ha resucitado
 el Señor y se le ha aparecido a
 Simón”. Entonces ellos contaron lo
 que les había pasado por el camino y
 cómo lo habían reconocido al partir
 el pan. - Lc 24, 33-35

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**Saint Theresa Parish
Anticipated Major Repairs Within 5 Years
As Updated April 9, 2026**

Expenditures		Cost
1	Parking Lots Asphalt & Concrete	\$325,773
2	Church Buildings Roofing - Flat Sections	\$191,100
3	Church Buildings HVAC Systems , 6 Units	\$84,000
4	Church Large HVAC System - 60 ton	\$180,000
5	Church Smaller HVAC System - 10 ton	\$40,000
6	Main Church Doors Hardware	\$120,000
7	Main Church Pews Upholstery	\$52,000
8	Main Church Interior Painting	\$17,500
9	Main Church Carpeting	\$65,000
10	Church Sound System	\$19,500
11	Chapel Interior Painting- Net of Insurance Proceeds	\$6,000
12	Chapel Carpeting - Net of Insurance Proceeds	\$3,000
13	Chapel Pews Upholstery	\$12,000
14	Youth Room Interior Painting - Net of Insurance Proceeds	\$5,000
15	School Buildings Roofing	\$233,300
16	School Breezeway Roofing	\$26,400
17	Repair Church Concrete Retaining Walls	\$25,000
18	Repair Church Laminated Wood Beams	\$150,000
	Total Expenditures	#####

Additional Potential Projects - If Funds Available

1	Entrance Enhancements	\$25,000
2	Conversion of Youth Room to Hospitality/Media Center	\$40,000
3	Cooling Tower Replacement	\$180,000
4	Additional Exterior Wood at Church, Office Rectory and School	\$150,000
5	Restoration of Pre School Building	\$350,000
6	East Parking Lot Solar Panels and Canopies	\$800,000
	Total Additional Potential Project Expenditures	#####

Additional Ways to Make Donations to Saint Theresa Parish

Qualified Charitable Distributions / IRA Rollover

You can make a donation to the Parish directly from you IRA. This type of donation is known as a "Qualified Charitable Distribution". This allows individuals age 70 and 1/2 or older to authorize their IRA administrator to directly transfer up to \$100,000 annually from their IRA to the Parish, tax free. If you are age 73 or older, the amount you transfer can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution. Please contact your income tax professional.

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Donor Advised Funds are the fastest growing giving method and tax efficient way to manage charitable donations. Donor Advised Funds allow donors to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate income tax deduction and then recommend grants from the fund over time. Please consult with your attorney or income tax professional and take advantage of this exciting new way to manage your charitable contributions.

On Wednesday, April 1, during Holy Week, our 6th-grade class prayerfully presented the “*Living Rosary of the Cross*” for our school community and parishioners. Through their reverent portrayal of Christ’s Passion. Our students helped all in attendance reflect more deeply on Jesus’ suffering, sacrifice, and love.

We are grateful to our 6th-grade students for their dedication and thoughtful preparation and to their teacher, Mrs. Paz. for guiding them in this powerful expression of faith.



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This Month’s Episode Features:



Our Ministry Spotlight is on the Food Bank.



Find out about National Award Winners at our School.



Your Voice, Our Conversation: What led the Church to reconsider its stance and now allow cremation?



Upcoming Events and News.



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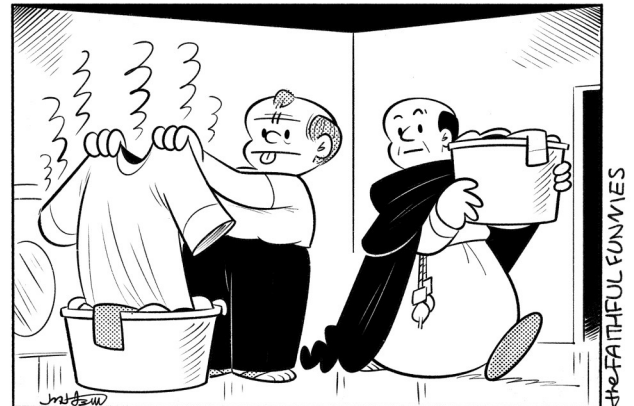
St. Theresa Columbarium Garden

For more information and questions please contact the Diocese of San Bernardino Cemetery Office.

909-475-5136



“Did you hear about the monk who forgot to put his clothes in the laundry?”



“It was a **bad habit.**”



Monks and other vowed religious wear “habits,” the distinct uniform of their order or branch of lifestyle.

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday’s Readings

First Reading:

“Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear.” (Acts 2:33)

Psalm:

Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

Gospel:

Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” (Lk 24:32)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Like Cleopas, we make our way through this world with weary feet and disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we let him?

Observances for the week of April 19, 2026

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter
- Tuesday:** St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** *Administrative Professionals’ Day; Earth Day*
- Thursday:** St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; *Arbor Day*
- Saturday:** St. Mark, Evangelist
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

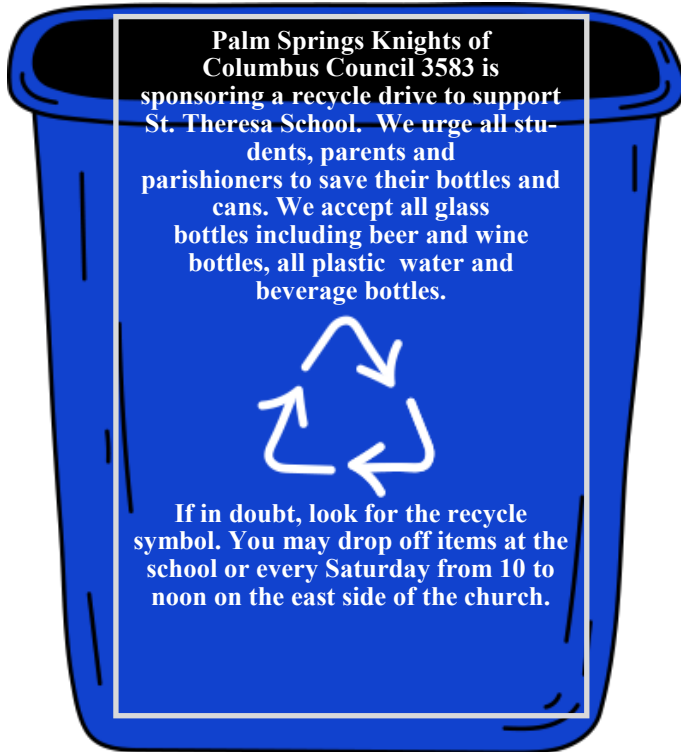


Virtues, Explained!

This cardinal virtue of temperance is shown in the person who is master of his passions and his attachment to the world. “It ensures the will’s mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable,” we read in the Catechism.

Blessing for Spring

Dear Lord,
As this new season begins,
bring new life to our hearts as well.
Prune what has grown despondent,
brush back that which darkens and clouds.
As the flowers bud and bloom,
bless us with new wonder, new hope, new promise, new joy.
Amen.



Proceeds Support St. Theresa School Tuition Assistance Program

in the St Theresa Parish Hall

Each Friday night January through May

EARLY BIRD BINGO begins at 5:00 pm

Buy-In Packets are \$15 for 6 games and 1 pull-tab

REGULAR BINGO begins at 6:30 p.m.

Buy-In Packets are \$25 for 8 games, 1 Special game, and 1 pull-tab; additional pull-tabs are \$1 ea; Dabbers are \$2 ea.

Dinner served 4:30-6:30 p.m. by Parish Ministries for \$12 per plate including drink

Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for dinner and purchase of Bingo packets.

Additional information provided on the Parish website.

WIN CASH \$\$\$\$

WIN DOOR PRIZES

HAVE FUN !

MEET PEOPLE

LAUGH !

EAT DELICIOUS FOOD

SUPPORT OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS